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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jun 29, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-13, 15-17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DELP US PATENT NO. 6,0216,411.

3. Consider claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-13, 15-17, and 19. DELP discloses "... a method, apparatus and computer program product generating an image index and for searching and querying by image colors in a network environment, such as for searching and querying by image color images from the internet" (column 1, lines 10-14, 31-57, figures 1 and 11, column 2, lines 1-5). The searching and querying are related to the "event" disclosed in the instant application. DELP determines the well-known location of the action/event/query (as disclosed in the specification - column 7, lines 15-25), determines a color value for said location (figure 10, column 3, lines 17-24, column 4, lines 3-22, column 7, lines 15-25), and initiates an event associated with said color value (figure 1, elements 136, 134, and 132, column 3, lines 17-24, column 4, lines 3-22, column 7, lines 15-25, figure 11, column 7, lines 26-67).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DELP US PATENT NO. 6,026,411 in view of KNOWLTON et al US PATENT NO. 5,973,692. DELP meets limitations for claims 1 and 11, however, does not expressly teach or suggest the color value comprising an RGB characteristic. KNOWLTON et al disclose the color value comprising an RGB characteristic (figures 3a-1 and 3a-2). It would have been obvious to one at the time of the invention to utilize the visual linking library and network including the color lookup table (figure 3a-1 and 3a-2) with the "... method, apparatus and computer program product generating an image index and for searching and querying by image colors in a network environment, such as for searching and querying by image color images from the internet" (column 1, lines 10-14, 31-57, figures 1 and 11, column 2, lines 1-5) of DELP because KNOWLTON et al includes a capture engine for extracting graphics information from a data file and generating a corresponding graphic icon forming a displayable image representing the graphics information (column 4, lines 28-47). Further, by adding the grayscale lookup table the color range may be expanded allowing for greater user satisfaction.

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5. Claims 8, 10, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DELP US PATENT NO. 6,026,411 in view of SAMPATH-KUMAR et al US PATENT NO. 6,169,573.

6. Consider claims 8 and 18. DELP meets limitations for claims 1 and 11, however, does not expressly teach wherein said event is the retrieval of a data track. SAMPATH-KUMAR et al disclose the above limitation (figure 4). It would have been obvious to one at the time of the invention to utilize the hypervideo system and method with object tracking utilizing hyperlinking with the "... method, apparatus and computer program product generating an image index and for searching and querying by image colors in a network environment, such as for searching and querying by image color images from the internet" (column 1, lines 10-14, 31-57, figures 1 and 11, column 2, lines 1-5) of DELP because SAMPATH-KUMAR et al teach "...the hypervideo browser allows the MPEG video to be viewed and objects of interest to be selected by a user, thereby hyperlinking to additional information of interest"(abstract, lines 7-10).

7. Consider claims 10 and 20. DELP meets limitations for claims 1 and 11, however, does not expressly teach wherein said object is an image residing in a streaming media. SAMPATH-KUMAR et al disclose the above claim limitation (Column 3, lines 55-63).

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Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. SMITH US PATENT NO. 5,745,103, "REAL-TIME PALETTE NEGOTIATIONS IN MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS".

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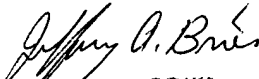
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